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FORT KNOX HUNTING AND FISHING
REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES

Summary. This regulation establishes the policy for hunting, fishing, and other recreational use of the Fort Knox Military Reservation.

Applicability. This regulation applies to all persons residing/employed on or visiting Fort Knox.

Suggested improvements. The proponent of this regulation is the Directorate of Base Operations Support (DBOS). Users are invited to send suggested improvements on DA Form 2028 (Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms) directly to: CDR, USAARMC and Fort Knox, ATTN: ATZK-OSE, Fort Knox, KY 40121-5000.

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CHAPTER 1 OVERVIEW

1-1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE.

a. To announce policies, hunting and fishing regulations, and outline responsibilities and procedures relative to hunting and fishing activities on the Fort Knox Military Reservation. Specific season dates, bag limits, creel limits and other pertinent information is published annually. These guidelines are issued with the appropriate permits. Violations and administrative suspension of rules contained in this regulation and in the annual hunting and fishing guidelines are outlined in appendix A.

b. The primary mission of this installation is to conduct training and other related military activities requiring the use of the land. Outdoor recreation and harvest of fish and wildlife resources will be permitted subject to the availability of areas as determined by the installation training mission requirements. However, hunting may be given priority for use of the training complex during the Gun Deer Season and Easter weekend for Spring Turkey Season.

c. The Fort Knox Military Reservation is divided into 112 hunting areas. Of these areas, all or parts of 69 areas are available for recreational hunting. The remainder is off limits for all recreational activities due to unexploded munitions. Controlled hunting within additional specified areas may be conducted per current SOP, and coordination with G3 Range Division; for example, Yano and Cedar Creek Ranges. The hunting areas are clearly displayed on a Fort Knox Hunting and Fishing Map, copies of which are available at the Hunt Control Office, Bldg. No. 112, Eleventh Ave and Binter St. All hunters are required to have a copy of this map in their possession while hunting.

d. Regulations pertaining to hunting and fishing on the Fort Knox Military Reservation, to include hunting seasons and bag limits published in the appropriate hunting and fishing guidelines, are in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the provisions of The Federal Migratory Bird Act. Nothing in this regulation will be interpreted to permit acts contrary to either State or Federal statutes. Exceptions are:

(1) Deer taken at Fort Knox do not count against the Kentucky State deer limit. Separate applications and permits are required for archery hunters, gun hunters, and youth hunters.

(2) To the greatest extent possible, dates for the gun deer hunt at Fort Knox will not coincide with the State season.

e. All entries into hunting areas will be coordinated by the Hunt Control Office (area guide during annual gun deer hunt). No entries will be permitted without proper clearance.

1-2. DEFINITIONS. The definitions for terms listed below are for the purpose of clarity as used herein and not necessarily applicable elsewhere.

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a. Hunting. To take or attempt to take in any manner, whether or not the hunter has game in possession.

b. Take. Includes pursue, shoot, hunt, wound, catch, kill, trap, snare, or capture wildlife in any way and any lesser act designed to lure, attract or entice for these purposes; and to place, set, aim or use any device, animal, substance or agency which may reasonably be expected to accomplish these acts; or to attempt to do such acts or to assist any other person in the doing of or the attempt of such acts.

c. Military hunter. Any active duty/retired military, members of Reserve Components, Department of the Army Civilian Federal employees employed at or retired from Fort Knox, and their family members.

d. Nonmilitary hunter. Members of the general public authorized by the commander to enter the post for the purpose of hunting game birds and animals.

e. A family member, as referred to in para 1-2c above, is defined as:

(1) Spouse of a military hunter.

(2) The dependent parents of a military hunter as defined by Internal Revenue Service (IRS) regulations (dependency tests proof must be furnished).

(3) A military hunter's child who is natural or adopted, single, and under 21 years of age. An exception exists when the children are over 21 and under 23 years of age, depend on the sponsor for over half of their support and are enrolled in an approved full-time course of education above high school level.

f. Post hunting, fishing, and combination permits. The documents issued for a fee, granting permission to hunt and/or fish on this installation.

g. Recreation Area Assignment (ATZK-OS Form 2973). The document issued to eligible personnel as their authorization to hunt, fish, or engage in other recreational activities in an assigned area on this reservation. The document is valid only for a specific time and date. This document will be hereafter referred to as Form 2973.

h. Cantonment area. The cantonment area is defined as the area inside the heavy black lines and labeled cantonment area on the Fort Knox Hunting/Fishing Map.

i. Hunt Control Office. The office operated by the DBOS, which serves as the planning and supervisory agency for the recreational aspects of the Fort Knox hunting and fishing programs.

j. Range. Those portions of the Fort Knox training and impact area that contain fixed installations, to include: buildings, shelters, towers, firing lines/positions, downrange course and service roads, and target devices/positions which compose a range training site.

k. Impact area. That portion of the Fort Knox reservation which has been used for the firing of explosive and nonexplosive ordnance. All impact areas are extremely hazardous to personnel due to surface and subsurface contamination of unstable high explosive and white phosphorous munitions (duds).

1-3. HUNT CONTROL OFFICE RESPONSIBILITIES. The DBOS, Fish and Wildlife Section, Hunt Control Office has the administrative and operational responsibilities and serves as officer-in-charge of hunting activities conducted in the Fort Knox training complex and is responsible for:

a. Coordinating and administratively conducting all hunts, to include: application procedures, selection process, area assignments and clearances, prepare and distribute hunter packets.

b. Selling of Kentucky State Hunting and Fishing Licenses, Tags, Stamps, and Permits, in conjunction with Fort Knox Hunting and Fishing Permits.

c. Controlling recreational use of all hunting areas as released for such use by G3/Directorate of Plans, Training, and Mobilization (G3/DPTM), Range Division.

d. Selecting and briefing hunting area guide teams for the gun deer hunt.

e. Providing area guide teams with gun deer hunt rosters.

f. Disseminating current hunting and fishing information provided by State and local sources.

g. Initiating lost/uncleared hunter reports to the Game Warden Section, Provost Marshal Office (PMO) and G3/DPTM Range Division.

h. Recommending administrative suspension of hunting and fishing privileges.

i. Notifying G3/DPTM Range Division immediately of:

(1) Any injury producing accident or incident.

(2) Any unaccounted for personnel assigned to or thought to be on any range, training area, or impact area.

(3) Termination of activities and ensuring all participants are clear of the activity areas.

(4) Any incident or problem which could jeopardize safety of military or civilian personnel, damage government property, or hinder/delay training activities.

j. During the Gun Deer Hunt, provide G3 Range Division daily reports identifying the numbers of hunters supported and deer taken (buck and doe).

k. Implementing and executing AR 200-3, Natural Resources - Land, Forest, and Wildlife Management, 28 February 1995. The DBOS will operate the deer check stations, Bldg. No. 7331, Ninth Cavalry Regt Ave and Mt. Eden North.

l. Ensure that hunters are briefed on safety, limits of authorized area of use, dud munitions, and pyrotechnic threat.

m. Submit a Deer Hunt after-action report to the Garrison Commander after the season.

n. Establish and man the check stations located in Bldg. No. 7331, and Mt. Eden North.

1-4. PROVOST MARSHAL OFFICE RESPONSIBILITIES. The PMO, Game Warden Section is responsible for:

a. The PMO, Military Police, is responsible for the patrolling and enforcement of all post hunting and fishing regulations, and Federal and Kentucky State Laws.

b. Forwarding a roster of the PMO Volunteer Game Wardens available to assist Hunt Control during the Deer Hunt. The roster must be submitted to Hunt Control NLT 15 August of each year. Military Police will be available to respond to incidents that would require a police presence.

c. Ensuring that Military Police are responsible to manage the nine checkpoints within six zones. The PMO will provide radio communication at all checkpoints.

d. Ensuring that Military Police personnel enforce this regulation.

e. Ensuring that the PMO Volunteer Game Wardens notify Military Police of all suspected violations of hunting and safety regulations for appropriate enforcement action.

f. Submitting a deer hunt after-action report to the Hunt Control Office after the season.

g. Establishing, maintaining, and monitoring the nine gun deer hunt checkpoints within their respective zones.

1-5. RANGE DIVISION RESPONSIBILITIES. The G3/DPTM, Range Division, is responsible for the release or withdrawal of those hunting areas available for recreational use. G3 is also the responsible agency for the control of all the ranges and training areas. All personnel in the training area will adhere to all post regulations, instructions, and or restrictions issued by Range Division in addition to those issued by Hunt Control. These areas are to be released in written or e-mail format to Hunt Control by Range Division. All area withdrawals will be made 48 hour in advance, when possible. The G3/DPTM Range Division will also provide range phone switchboard service during designated Gun Deer Hunt weekends within available resources.

1-6. HUNTER RESPONSIBILITIES.

a. Hunters on the Fort Knox Military Reservation are responsible for purchasing appropriate Fort Knox Hunting and Fishing Permits and State Licenses, Tags, Stamps, and Permits before hunting or fishing on this installation. It is the responsibility of hunters to know and adhere to the Fort Knox hunting regulations and guidelines and control their own hunting activities. All hunters must adhere to the sign-in and clearance procedures of the various hunts and absolutely stay within their assigned hunting area. Hunters must study the Fort Knox hunting regulations and guidelines and the Fort Knox Hunting and Fishing Map to become familiar with hunting areas. Hunters must sign a liability release.

b. All participants who have permission from the US Army Armor Center, Fort Knox, Kentucky to participate in any event(s) do hereby release the United States; US Army; Commanding General, US Army Armor Center, and officers, agents, and employees of and from any liability, claims, court actions or causes of action for personal injury or property damage which they may suffer while participating in said events, during transportation to and from the site, or while using facilities at Fort Knox.

c. Coordinate with the area guide during the gun deer hunt as soon as possible after notification of their selection to hunt.

d. Gun Deer hunters will be guided to their assigned hunting areas and must hunt within the geographic boundaries, as identified on the gun deer hunt map and as indicated by the area guide.

e. The area guide will give gun deer hunters a numbered card of their assigned area to be displayed in the windshield of the vehicle. When clearing the hunting area each day, hunters will turn in their area number to the area guide. Failure to properly clear the hunting area may result in suspension of hunting privileges at Fort Knox.

f. To ensure that a hunter can be located when required for a clearance, safety, or regulation enforcement action, the address and phone number given on the Hunting Information Sheet must be current, to include accurate temporary lodging or camping site while in the Fort Knox area to hunt.

g. Consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages (to include malt beverages) in a hunting area, or hunting while under the influence of alcohol (blood alcohol content of .05 percent) will result in the revocation of Fort Knox permits.

h. Individuals are prohibited from placing grains or other substances to attract wildlife in hunting areas.

1-7. RULES OF HUNTING SAFETY.

a. Unload guns when not in use. Take down or have actions open; guns should be carried in cases to the hunting area.

b. Be sure of the target before pulling the trigger; know identifying features of the game being hunted.

c. Never point a gun at anything not intended to be shot; absolutely no horseplay.

d. Never climb a tree or fence or jump a ditch with a loaded gun. Never pull a gun toward the body by the muzzle.

e. Absolutely no alcoholic beverages before and during hunting.

1-8. PRIVATELY OWNED VEHICLES (POV). Driving or parking POVs on unimproved roads or trails is prohibited with the exception of off-road POVs carrying hunters and a harvested deer back to an improved road. An unimproved road is defined as any uncleared road or trail that is not maintained by functional rocking or grading. At no other time will any POV be authorized off an improved road. Off-road driving is not authorized in any area. No vehicles permitted on lake dams or grass areas. Mired or immobilized vehicles in training or impact areas, for any reason, are considered the fault of the vehicle operator. In each case of a reported violation of these regulations, the Military Police will investigate and prepare citations or a Military Police Report, as appropriate. The first offense will result in the suspension of hunting and fishing privileges at Fort Knox for up to 180 days. All POVs entering the Fort Knox training complex for hunting must display a copy of the area assignment in the windshield, except during the gun deer hunt when the area number must be displayed. Privately Owned Vehicle parking is not authorized in any range area, bivouac site, or food service (mess) area.

1-9. OTHER FORMS OF CONVEYANCE. Use of off-road vehicles, motorcycles, and animals such as horses and mules are strictly prohibited.

1-10. ARCHEOLOGICAL OR HISTORICAL ITEMS. As required by the Archeological Resource Protection Act and AR 200-4, Cultural Resources Management, 1 October 1998, excavation or removal of archaeological or historical items is prohibited without a Department of

the Army permit approved specifically for that purpose. Hunters and permit holders are to report archaeological or historical findings to the DBOS Environmental Management Division, phone 624-3629, or to the Hunt Control Office. Destruction of an archaeological site and/or collection of antiquities are a violation of the Federal Antiquity Act of 1906 and the Archeological Resource Protection Act and will be prosecuted accordingly. Further, the destruction or removal of cemetery headstones is prohibited. No vehicular traffic is authorized on the Tioga Falls Historical Nature Trail.

1-11. UNEXPLODED ORDNANCE OR ABANDONED MUNITIONS. Numerous duds, unexploded ordnance, or abandoned munitions may be found throughout the installation. It is imperative that personnel do not attempt to move, disarm or tamper in any way with any found munitions. Many may have activated fuses and are subject to explode at the slightest movement. Hunters are requested to mark the area of found munitions as clearly as possible and report their locations to the Hunt Control Office. The Hunt Control Office will immediately notify Range Division of any dud sightings and provide all data to include the name and phone number of the individual reporting the data. Violators will permanently lose their hunting and fishing privileges at Fort Knox.

1-12. RANGES. No hunting is permitted within established range areas and bivouac sites. This restriction includes the entire area composing a range training area, beginning with the range administrative area and terminating at the last target installation.

1-13. HUNTING AREAS. Personnel authorized entry into any hunting area will not be in possession of any glass containers such as glass jars or bottles. Personnel observing glass in these areas are requested to report the location to Hunt Control or Range Division.

1-14. HANDICAPPED HUNTER ACCESS.

a. All Terrain Vehicles (ATV) or other specially equipped vehicles may be used by those severely handicapped hunters (for example, amputees, paraplegia, and individuals who are dependent upon oxygen) whose physical disability makes it impossible to hunt by conventional methods. The ATV use will be authorized only if this is the hunters' only means of mobility.

b. Hunters must have a Hunting and Fishing Methods exemption from Kentucky in order to be authorized to use ATVs on Fort Knox. Hunters must bring proof of their methods exemption to the Hunt Control Office to place a copy on file before each hunting season.

c. All game will be taken while off the vehicle except for wheel chair bound hunters who may shoot from a stationary vehicle. Hunting will take place only while the vehicle is stationary and not running. Weapons will be unloaded and encased while vehicle is in motion. The ATVs will only be used to transport the hunter to and from a hunting site and for removal of their harvest.

They are not to be used to stroll the area, roads, or to transport companions to different locations. The vehicle will not be used to cruise the area to locate and shoot game.

d. Vehicles will not be operated in a reckless, careless, or negligent manner, in excess of posted speed limits, or in a manner likely to cause excessive damage or disturbance of the land, wildlife, or vegetative resources. Failure to follow these guidelines will be grounds for suspension of hunting and fishing privileges on Fort Knox.

e. Vehicles operated off maintained roads will have a properly installed spark arrester that will retain or destroy at least 80 percent of carbon particles at all flow rates.

1-15. FIREARMS. Firearms may be used on rare occasion, with prior coordination through PMO, only for animal damage control by Fort Knox Fish and Wildlife Section personnel and specimen collection assisted by Federal and State Fish and Wildlife Management personnel.

1-16. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES. Consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages (to include malt beverages) in a hunting area, or hunting while under the influence of alcohol (blood alcohol content of .05 percent) will result in the revocation of Fort Knox permits.

1-17. FIRES.

a. Range and training area fires will be reported to the G3/Range Division, phone 4-2135. The Range Officer will report the fire to the USAARMC Fire Department. Fires will not be fought in the impact area unless it is absolutely necessary to prevent damage to US Government built-up property or to prevent spread of the fire to private property.

b. The construction of fires in other than metal fire barrels is prohibited.

1-18. VIOLATIONS.

a. The required documents, as appropriate, plus creel and bag limits, hunting and fishing equipment, and ammunition will be made available for inspection upon request of any Military Police Officer, Federal Game Warden, US Marshal or Deputy US Marshal, or Fort Knox Fish and Wildlife Section personnel.

b. The Military Police, Federal Game Warden, US Marshal or Deputy US Marshal are authorized to request an inspection of any vehicle at any time in connection with the enforcement of hunting and fishing regulations and the appropriate annually published guidelines on the Fort Knox Military Reservation.

c. The Provost Marshal has primary responsibility for enforcing hunting and fishing regulations on the Fort Knox Military Reservation; however, any person witnessing or having

knowledge of a violation of these regulations and the appropriate annually published guidelines should report the facts as known to the Provost Marshal Office, phone 4-2112. In each case of a reported violation of these regulations, the Military Police will investigate and prepare citations or a Military Police Report, as appropriate.

d. Any persons violating these regulations and the appropriate annually published guidelines are subject to administrative suspension of their hunting and fishing privileges on the Fort Knox Military reservation. In addition, violators who are cited for an offense on the Fort Knox Military Reservation are subject to prosecution by military or Federal civil authorities, as appropriate.

e. Failure to clear with the Hunt Control Office before entering or upon leaving an assigned hunting area is cause for administrative action. Violations may result in permanent suspension of hunting and fishing privileges at Fort Knox. Each violation will be addressed independently and suspension of privileges imposed accordingly. Procedures for the suspension and appeal of hunting privileges, to include a listing of typical violations, are at appendix A, para A-3.

1-19. HUNTER EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS. A valid Hunter Education Certificate is required for all hunters 60 years of age and under. Cards issued from other states will be accepted providing that it is sanctioned by that state's Natural Resources Agency. The card must be carried at all times while in the field hunting.

CHAPTER 2

DEER HUNTING OVERVIEW

2-1. SEASONS.

a. Both military and nonmilitary hunters will be permitted to hunt deer during both Fort Knox Deer Hunt phases. The approved bag limits, deer hunt phases, to include the dates and hours during which hunting may occur, are published annually in the Fort Knox Deer Hunt Guidelines available from the Hunt Control office after 1 July.

b. Individuals not registered as hunters are not permitted to accompany a hunter into the hunting areas. Only registered hunters are allowed in hunting areas and only on days assigned by Hunt Control.

2-2. FEES, PERMITS AND REFUNDS.

a. Fees and permits. In addition to a Kentucky State Hunting License and Deer Permit, a Fort Knox Deer Hunt Permit is required for all personnel. Separate permits are required for bow and gun hunting. Fees for Fort Knox active duty junior enlisted personnel are at a reduced rate. Any Kentucky resident 65 years of age or older, possessing a Kentucky Senior Citizen Hunting and Fishing License, will be eligible for a free Fort Knox Deer Hunting Permit. Honorably discharged veterans of the US Armed Services with a 100 percent service connected disability will be eligible for a free permit provided they have a Veterans Administration (VA) ID card, or a letter on VA stationery, signed by their doctor, verifying 100 percent service connected disability. All military dependents under age 16 may receive a free Fort Knox permit.

b. Refunds.

(1) A refund will be made to those individuals not selected to hunt.

(2) Refunds will not be made to hunters who fail to show on their assigned dates, except for those having a medical statement from their doctor stating they were unable to hunt.

(3) Active duty military hunters who are absent from the installation due to reassignment or Temporary Duty (TDY) will be eligible for a refund. Applications must include copies of Permanent Change of Station (PCS) or TDY orders.

2-3. **DUPLICATE PERMITS.** Any hunter who requires a duplicate Fort Knox permit due to loss of the original may receive one at Hunt Control upon payment of a replacement fee.

2-4. JUNIOR HUNTERS. Military or nonmilitary family members under 18 years of age will be allowed to hunt, provided the following rules are adhered to:

a. **A Hunter Education Card is mandatory. The card must be presented to the area guide upon checking in to hunt, and must be carried by the junior hunter at all times.** Children within 60 days of becoming 10 years of age and older must have a course completion card.

b. Junior hunters must be accompanied by an adult who shall be in a position to take immediate control of the juvenile's hunting weapon. One adult shall not accompany more than two children at one time.

c. Individuals must have in their possession either a Kentucky State Junior Hunting License or Hunting License, a Kentucky Deer Permit, a Fort Knox Deer Hunt Permit, and a Hunter Education Card.

d. If junior hunters "kill out" during the first day of a weekend hunt, they may return with their sponsor. If a junior hunter's sponsor "kills out," the sponsor hunter **MUST** return with the junior hunter or designate another sponsor hunter through the Hunt Control Office. In either situation, the hunter who has "killed out" will not, at any time, carry a gun while back in the field.

e. Sponsors hunting with a spouse or child, or a parent whose age is 65 years or older or is medically handicapped, may return to the hunting area after they have "killed out" to assist, but will not carry a weapon.

2-5. HUNTER ORANGE REQUIREMENTS.

a. During gun deer hunting seasons, all personnel in the hunting areas are required to wear **both** a blaze orange hat and vest, jacket or coverall. **Jackets with orange pockets/patches and orange camouflage jackets, vests, coveralls, and hats are not acceptable.**

b. During the archery hunt, all hunters are required to wear a blaze orange garment while removing a deer from the hunting area.

2-6. LEGAL HUNTING EQUIPMENT.

a. Twelve gauge, sixteen gauge, and twenty gauge with a single projectile (slug). Repeating shotguns will be plugged to hold a maximum of three cartridges. Over and under shotguns cannot be used if one of the tubes is rifled, e.g., .20 gauge/.22 caliber. Muzzle-loading rifles with flintlock or percussion cap, .38 caliber minimum to .58 caliber maximum, and muzzle-loading shotguns with single projectile slug. Muzzleloaders that utilize rifle or shotgun

primers for ignition are prohibited. Powder charges are limited to a maximum of 100 grains. A maximum of 10 cartridges OR powder charges is permitted during each hunting day.

b. Longbows, recurves, and compound bows that do not have a device that holds an arrow at full or partial draw without aid from the archer. Broadheads at least 7/8 inch wide and razor sharp. Arrows will not be fitted with barbed broadheads. Chemically treated arrows or broadheads, or attachments containing chemicals may not be used or possessed on Fort Knox. Crossbows are prohibited except for handicapped hunters who have a valid crossbow usage card from the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife.

c. Absolutely NO unauthorized guns or ammunition will be permitted in the hunting areas or within vehicles in hunting areas. **No handguns are authorized.**

d. Tree stands: Only portable tree stands that do not injure trees may be used at Fort Knox.

2-7. ANTLERED AND ANTLERLESS DEER DEFINITIONS.

a. An antlered deer is any deer with ONE antler at least 4 inches long or longer.

b. An antlerless deer is a deer with no antlers or BOTH antlers less than 4 inches as measured from the skin at the base of the antler to the furthestmost tip.

2-8. DEER TAGGING AND CHECKING.

a. When you harvest a deer you must immediately cut and remove the day and month on the appropriate tag. The tag must be attached to the deer before transporting it by vehicle or when the carcass is not in the hunter's presence.

b. The Fort Knox Deer Processing/Taxidermy Form must be completely filled out before arriving at the deer check station.

c. All deer harvested at Fort Knox must be checked in at one of the deer check stations on the same day that it is harvested. During the archery season the check station is located at the Hunt Control Office. During the gun deer season there are two check stations located at Bldg. No. 7331, Ninth Cavalry Regiment Ave and Mount Eden North. The area guide will brief hunters as to what check station they will report to during the gun deer hunt.

2-9. ADDITIONAL RULES.

a. River traffic on the installation is prohibited during all deer hunt phases.

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b. No guns will be loaded before arrival into assigned hunting areas. Muzzle-loading weapons which are loaded with powder and ball, but not primed, are considered not loaded.

c. Hunters must have a Fort Knox Hunting and Fishing Map, or a photostatic copy of this map of their assigned hunting area, in their possession while hunting. A compass is highly recommended.

d. Hunters will not kill deer for other persons in the hunting party.

e. Consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages (to include malt beverages) in a hunting area, or hunting while under the influence of alcohol (blood alcohol content of .05 percent) will result in revocation of Fort Knox permits.

f. Deer must be field dressed at the site where it is harvested. Deer will not be field dressed on a range or within a bivouac site. No deer will be dressed or hung in any on-post housing area, to include Bachelor Officer Quarters/Bachelor Enlisted Quarters and troop billets.

2-10. SPORTSMANSHIP. The Sportsmen's Code of Ethics will be exercised at all times.

a. A hunter is expected to shoot at a deer or other game so there is a clean, quick kill.

b. Hunters will observe all safety precautions at all times.

c. Hunters will be cautious and considerate of other hunters at all times.

CHAPTER 3

ARCHERY DEER HUNTING

3-1. ELIGIBILITY.

- a. Military hunters will be allowed to hunt all days of the bow hunt.
- b. Nonmilitary hunters selected to hunt will be eligible to hunt all weekdays and one of the designated weekends. There will be no hunting on Tuesdays. The total number of nonmilitary bow hunters will be determined before the selection drawing, based upon a projection of available areas by Range Division. No switching of weekends will be permitted unless approved by the Hunt Control Office. Standby hunting will not be allowed. All eligible hunters will be able to hunt the late Bow Season on a space-available basis.

3-2. APPLICATION PROCEDURES.

a. Military hunters are not required to submit an application. They may purchase their bow permits at the Hunt Control Office. Verification of military status is required; Department of the Army civilians and their family members may verify their status with a Civilian Identification Card (ID), or current pay voucher.

b. Nonmilitary bow hunters must submit a standard application, ATZK-OS Form 3605, by mail during the application period set forth in the Fort Knox Deer Hunt Guidelines. Applications postmarked before or after the application period will not be eligible for the drawing. Applications must be marked "Bow Hunt" and must include the name, age, address, social security number, phone number (if no phone, then the number of a relative or friend who will accept a collect phone call), appropriate fee, and a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Hunters will be able to list 2 weekends of preference on the application. All fees must be in the form of a cashier's check, certified check, or money order made payable to Treasurer of the United States. All applications with appropriate fees must be sent to the Hunt Control Office, ATTN: ATZK-OSE-N, Fort Knox, Kentucky 40121-5000. Applicants may register themselves and up to four other hunters. Applications with more than five names will be rejected. Applications with name(s) that appear on more than one application will be rejected. A photostatic copy of a Kentucky Senior Citizen Hunting and Fishing license is required from hunters age 65 years and over requesting a free Fort Knox hunting permit. The Hunt Control Office will not be responsible for lost or misdirected mail.

3-3. HUNTER SELECTION AND NOTIFICATION.

- a. A drawing will be conducted to select nonmilitary bow hunters and their hunting weekend.
- b. At least 2 weeks before the scheduled hunt, all nonmilitary bow hunters will be provided a packet containing the following information:

(1) Weekend selected to bow hunt.

(2) Items needed to hunt, e.g., Fort Knox Bow Deer Permit, WMA deer tag, and a Liability Release/Hunter Information sheet.

3-4. AREA ASSIGNMENT AND CLEARANCE.

a. A Recreational Area Assignment (ATZK-OS Form 2973) must be picked up in person at the Hunt Control Office before entering into any hunting area and must be cleared upon departure by the clearance time stated. Sign-in and sign-out procedures are mandatory for all hunters. Failure to obtain clearance to enter any area or report departure from the area is cause for suspension of all Fort Knox hunting and fishing privileges.

b. Area assignments may be made up to 48 hours in advance. Hunters may sign themselves and four other hunters into hunting areas. The sponsors registering the hunters must have all hunters' state licenses, post permits and Hunter Education Cards in their possession. Hunters will be responsible for their own clearance. Each hunter operating a vehicle will be given an area assignment for display inside the front windshield, indicating that the individual has registered to hunt. Fifty percent of hunter spaces in each area will be reserved for military hunters until 1300 the day before the hunt. The Hunt Control Office will make the final determination as to the number of hunters permitted in each area. Hunters may enter their hunting areas 1 hour before sunrise.

c. The area assignment will show the individual's name, permit number, and local telephone number. Hunters' may sign into only one area at a time. Hunters' names found on more than one area assignment will have their hunting and fishing privileges suspended for up to 1 year.

d. All hunters must clear their areas in person or by calling the Hunt Control Office before the clearance time shown on their Form 2973 each day. Individuals must give their name and the area hunted. Clearance may also be accomplished in person by returning their copy of ATZK-OS Form 2973 to Hunt Control Personnel and verbally assure that you are cleared by the clearance time. **Late clearance from the hunting areas is grounds for suspension of hunting privileges.**

e. Hunters harvesting a deer must follow the tagging procedures outlined in para 2-8. Hunters must then report to the Deer Check Station, which is located at the Hunt Control Office during the bow season. Failure to properly tag a deer will result in prosecution by military or Federal civil authorities and suspension of hunting privileges on Fort Knox.

3-5. FALL ARCHERY TURKEY HUNTING. Eligible bow deer hunters may harvest a turkey, provided they have purchased a Kentucky Fall Turkey Permit and a Fort Knox Fall Turkey Permit. The bag limit is one turkey of either sex.

3-6. CANTONMENT AREA ANTLERLESS DEER (ARCHERY ONLY).

a. The cantonment areas in which antlerless deer may be harvested are TA-11, Richardson, Heritage and Anderson. A regular bow permit must be purchased to be eligible to hunt in an antlerless area. Maps outlining each specific area are available and must be in possession while hunting.

b. The season limit for these areas is one antlerless deer. An antlerless deer is a deer without antlers or both antlers less than 4 inches.

c. Eligible bow hunters that wish to hunt these areas may do so on a first come first serve basis. However, 50 percent of the hunter spaces in each area will be reserved for military hunters until 1300 the day before the hunt.

d. Civilians will not be permitted to hunt these areas on weekends that they were not drawn.

e. Hunting will be conducted only from tree stands. All hunters hunting in Anderson must read and sign that they fully understand the rules for hunting in this area.

3-7. ADDITIONAL ANTLERLESS DEER PERMITS. Hunters will be eligible to purchase an additional antlerless deer permit for specified hunting areas. The specific areas that the antlerless permit is valid will be listed in the Hunt Control Office and issued with the permit.

3-8. DRAWING FOR CANTONMENT EITHER SEX DEER PERMIT.

a. A nonrefundable application fee is required to be eligible for the drawing. Applications must be submitted during the set application period.

b. All active duty, active reserves, national guard, retired military, Fort Knox DOD civilians, and Fort Knox DOD retirees will be eligible for the drawing.

c. Hunters drawn for one of these permits will be permitted to harvest one either sex deer as identified in the guidelines provided with the permit. This permit is in addition to the remaining Fort Knox deer bag limit.

d. Hunters will be drawn for dates indicated on the application in ONE of the following areas: Heritage, TA-11, Richardson, or Anderson.

e. Hunters must designate their permit preference first through fifth choice on the application. A computerized random drawing will be conducted to assign permits. There will be absolutely no changing of dates and areas selected. Permit and tag issued will only be valid for the hunter, dates

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and area specified. All scouting of the area will be done prior to the season or during the days a hunter is drawn to hunt. There will be no hunting on Tuesdays.

- f. Hunters selected will have priority for these areas for the dates indicated on the permit.
- g. All hunters must follow the same sign in and out procedures as required of all archery deer hunters.
- h. Tagging procedures are the same for all deer taken at Fort Knox as outlined in para 2-8.

CHAPTER 4 GUN DEER HUNT

4-1. ELIGIBILITY.

a. Military hunters will be drawn to hunt 2 weekends during the quota gun hunt. They must provide proof of their military status with their application. Military hunters desiring to hunt with nonmilitary hunters must apply, and will be considered, as nonmilitary.

b. Nonmilitary hunters will be eligible to hunt only 1 weekend during the quota gun hunt.

4-2. APPLICATION PROCEDURES.

a. Military hunters. All fees must be paid by check or money order made payable to the Treasurer of the United States. Military applicants must submit, Application for Annual Deer Hunt (ATZK-OS Form 3605), to the Hunt Control Office in person or mail to: Hunt Control Office, ATTN: ATZK-OSE-N, Fort Knox, Kentucky 40121-5000, during the application period. **Verification of military status for each hunter on the application must be presented when submitting application. If the application is mailed, photostatic copies of military ID must be attached.** A photostatic copy of a Kentucky Senior Citizen Hunting and Fishing license is required from Kentucky residents age 65 and over requesting a free Fort Knox hunting permit. Honorably discharged veterans of the US Armed Services with a 100 percent service connected disability will be entitled to a free permit if they provide a photostatic copy of a Veterans Administration (VA) ID card, or a letter on VA stationery, signed by their doctor, verifying their 100 percent service connected disability. All military dependents under age 16 may receive a free Fort Knox permit with verification of military status and age. **The Hunt Control Office will not be responsible for lost or misdirected mail.**

b. Nonmilitary hunters. Applicants must submit ATZK-OS Form 3605, by mail only, during the application period. Letters postmarked before or after the application dates will be rejected and returned. Nonmilitary hunters will not be able to select an area or days to hunt. All applications unable to be processed due to inaccurate information or incorrect fees will be rejected. Each applicant must include the name, age, address, social security number, phone number (if no phone, then a relative or friend who will accept a collect phone call), appropriate fee, and a self-addressed, stamped envelope. All fees must be in the form of a cashier's check, certified check, or postal money order made payable to the Treasurer of the United States. All applications with appropriate fees must be sent to the Hunt Control Office, ATTN: ATZK-OSE-N, Fort Knox, Kentucky 40121-5000. Applicants may register themselves and up to four other hunters. Applications with more than five names will be rejected. Applications with name(s) that appear on more than one application will be rejected. A photostatic copy of a Kentucky Senior Citizen

Hunting and Fishing license is required from Kentucky residents age 65 and over requesting a free Fort Knox hunting permit. Honorably discharged veterans of the US Armed Services with a 100 percent service connected disability will be entitled to a free permit if they provide a photostatic copy of a Veterans Administration (VA) ID card, or a letter on VA stationery, signed by their doctor, verifying their 100 percent service connected disability. The Hunt Control Office will not be responsible for lost or misdirected mail.

4-3. AREA ASSIGNMENT. Military hunters may list up to 10 areas of choice in order of preference for the Gun Deer Hunt. Area and weekends will be assigned by a random draw. Preference is used as far as possible, until all military hunters are accommodated. **All military hunters will be selected to hunt the first weekend and either the second or third weekend.** Nonmilitary hunters will then be assigned to the remaining available spaces for one weekend of hunting.

4-4. AREA SELECTION/HUNTER NOTIFICATION. Two weeks before the scheduled hunt date, all gun hunters will be provided a packet containing the following information:

- a. Area/dates selected to hunt.
- b. Area guide's name, address, and phone number.
- c. Items needed to hunt, e.g., Fort Knox Gun Deer Permit, WMA deer tag, Liability Release/Hunter Information and a map of your assigned area.
- d. Any special instructions applicable.

4-5. AREA CLEARANCE. Area clearance must be made by checking out of the hunting area with the area guide and Game Warden checkpoint at the completion of each day's hunt. All deer harvested within a hunting area must be reported to the area guide and Game Warden checkpoint and recorded by the hunter's name and the sex of the deer on the Deer Hunt Party Roster. ALL deer taken at Fort Knox must be checked out at one of the Deer Check Stations, Bldg. No. 7331, Ninth Cavalry Regt Ave, or at Mt. Eden North. The Fort Knox Taxidermy/Processing Form must be properly filled out by the hunter before arriving at the Deer Check Station. Failure to tag a deer, transporting an untagged deer, and failure to take a deer to the Deer Check Station are violations of the law. Tagging procedures are outlined in para 2-8.

4-6. PROVOST MARSHAL OFFICE (PMO) VOLUNTEER GAME WARDEN COMPANION HUNTERS. Volunteer Game Wardens, as designated by the Chief Volunteer Game Warden, are authorized to designate a companion hunter to accompany them into the field on days when the sponsoring PMO Volunteer Game Warden is hunting. The Volunteer Game Warden is responsible to ensure each companion hunter is briefed on dud safety and is properly signed into and out of an area within their zone. This involves signing in on the roster at the check point and on the area

guide roster. Companion hunters will be required to pay the proper fee for their hunter status. Each companion hunter will be allowed to hunt only one weekend if they are nonmilitary category and two weekends if they are military category providing proof of military status is furnished. Companion hunters must be designated on the Area Sign Up Sheet and their fees paid, as outlined under application procedures, para 4-2.

4-7. VOLUNTEER AREA GUIDE TEAMS.

a. During the Gun Deer Hunt, a team of three volunteer area guides per hunting area are used to assist hunters and increase the safety and organization of the gun deer hunt.

b. Persons volunteering as an area guide must meet the following requirements:

- (1) Be at least 21 years of age.
- (2) Have adequate knowledge of the Fort Knox Military Reservation terrain and boundaries.
- (3) Be familiar with areas for which they volunteer, as evidenced by past experience as a hunter or other use of the areas.
- (4) Be knowledgeable of Kentucky and Fort Knox deer hunting regulations. (Any violation of such regulations may disqualify the individual for further service as a guide.)
- (5) Provide their own four-wheel drive transportation and Citizens Band radio.
- (6) Agree to serve all days of the gun deer hunt, to include returning to the area after they have filled their tags. Area guides returning to the hunting area after filling all of their tags will not be permitted to carry a firearm.
- (7) One member of the "team" must be Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) certified.

c. Hunting area guide teams will work directly for the Hunt Control Officer. They will enter and clear their areas through a checkpoint manned by PMO Game Wardens Section.

d. Hunting area guides will be required to pay a permit fee. All post permit fees must be paid during the application period. Area Guide Teams will be eligible to hunt only on weekends their assigned area is open for hunting.

e. All members of an area guide team will be required to:

- (1) Attend a hunting area guide meeting before the deer hunt.

- (2) Coordinate with, meet, and lead assigned hunters into the hunting area.
- (3) Brief hunters on geographic boundaries and any natural or manmade hazards, off-limit areas, to include do's and don'ts of the Fort Knox Deer Hunt.
- (4) Read the dud warning sheet to each hunter prior to each days hunt.
- (5) Brief hunters on clearance procedures, deer check procedures, license, and safety requirements.
- (6) Deal with problems occurring during the hunt and report them to Hunt Control Officer.
- (7) Assist in retrieving harvested deer if needed.
- (8) Assist hunters in finding their way out of the hunting area.
- (9) Report the number of hunters and deer kills to the zone leader at the end of the day.
- (10) Ensure that one member of the team is present at the area guide check point.

f. Those selected as area guides may designate one companion hunter each weekend to accompany them into the hunting area. Companion hunters who are nonmilitary category will only be allowed to hunt one weekend. Military category hunters will be allowed to hunt two weekends providing proof of military status is furnished. Companion hunters will be required to pay the proper fee for their hunter status. The companion hunters will be added to the list of hunters for that area as an additional hunter by the Hunt Control Office. Companion hunters must be designated on the Area Sign Up Sheet and fees paid during the application period.

4-8. AREA GUIDE TEAM SELECTION PROCESS.

a. The hunting area guide team will be selected from military and/or nonmilitary applicants to fill any area guide vacancies. Individuals desiring to volunteer as area guide may do so by submitting an application to the Hunt Control Office.

b. Those desiring to volunteer must apply as a team (a team will consist of three volunteers). Although years of hunting experience in a particular hunting area is considered, it is not the selecting criteria. Selection is a random draw based on all team applications which have hunting experience in a hunting area that needs a new team.

c. Area guide teams will be selected and assigned hunting areas by the Hunt Control Officer. All team applicants selected will be notified of their assigned area, date, place, and time for an area

guide meeting. The area guide status is a volunteer appointment, and all appointees are subject to dismissal for failure to comply with their responsibilities and appropriate regulations. The appointment is valid only for the current gun deer hunt and must be revalidated yearly by submitting an Area Guide Team Information Sheet. Area guides who do not submit the Area Guide Team Information Sheet for revalidation or who failed to comply with appropriate regulations or safety requirements, or failed to enforce the same, will be replaced by the Hunt Control Officer.

CHAPTER 5

YOUTH GUN DEER HUNT

5-1. ELIGIBILITY.

a. Youths 15 years of age and under on the day of the hunt will be eligible to hunt in specified areas. All youths must have a valid hunter education certification in possession while hunting.

b. Youths must be accompanied by an adult 21 years of age or older. An adult can accompany no more than two youths at one time. Adults must be in a position to take immediate control of the youth's firearm at all times while hunting. Adults may not carry firearms during the youth hunt. Adults will not shoot deer for youth hunters.

5-2 . SEASON AND BAG LIMIT.

a. The season dates for the Youth Hunt will be published in the Youth Deer Hunt Guidelines available from the Hunt Control Office after 1 July.

b. One either sex deer may be taken as identified in the Youth Deer Hunt Guidelines. This does not count against the Fort Knox deer bag limit.

5-3. APPLICATION PROCEDURES.

a. Applicants must submit an application for the youth gun deer hunt, either by mail or in person, to the Hunt Control Office during the application period set forth in the Fort Knox Deer Hunt Guidelines to be considered in the random draw. Each application must include the name, address, age, phone number, social security number, application fee and a self-addressed stamped envelope. The application fee is nonrefundable. Applications must have an adult sponsor listed and no more than two youth hunters. Applications with name(s) that appear on more than one application for the youth hunt will be rejected.

b. All fees must be in the form of cashier's check, or money order payable to the Treasurer of the United States.

5-4. AREA ASSIGNMENT.

a. A random drawing will be conducted to assign youth hunters to the available areas.

b. Youth hunters will be drawn for a hunting area and must enter the area with the area guide as indicated in the information packet they will receive.

c. Clearing the hunting area terminates hunting for that day.

CHAPTER 6

SMALL GAME HUNTING

6-1. ELIGIBILITY.

- a. All military and civilian hunters are eligible to small game hunt at Fort Knox.
- b. All hunters must possess a Kentucky State Hunting License and a Fort Knox Small Game Hunting Permit. Kentucky State Hunting License, Waterfowl Stamp or Migratory Bird Permit must be purchased and in their possession before a post permit will be issued. Kentucky residents over 65 who have a Kentucky Senior Citizen Hunting and Fishing license are eligible for a free Fort Knox permit. Honorably discharged veterans of the US Armed Services with a 100 percent service connected disability will be issued a free permit if they provide a valid VA ID card or a letter on VA stationery, signed by their doctor, verifying they are 100 percent service connected disabled to Hunt Control. All military dependents under age 16 may receive a free Fort Knox permit.

6-2. SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS.

- a. The Fort Knox Small Game Season will conform with state dates and regulations. However, small game hunting will be allowed on Fort Knox during the states modern gun deer season and closed on weekends of the Fort Knox gun deer season. Additionally, grouse hunting will be permitted in December with a bag limit of one bird a day.
- b. Hunting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset unless other hunting hours are required, for example (migratory bird hunting).
- c. Bag limits will conform with those published in the current Kentucky Hunting and Trapping Guide unless otherwise indicated on the small game hunting guidelines issued with small game hunting permits.

6-3. OFFICE LOCATION AND HOURS.

- a. The Hunt Control Office is located in Bldg. No. 112, Eleventh Ave and Binter St.
- b. Hours of operation for small game hunting will be from 0900-2200 unless otherwise posted.
- c. The Hunt Control Office is closed on Tuesdays, Presidents Day, 4th of July, Christmas Day and New Years Day.

6-4. LEGAL HUNTING EQUIPMENT. Archery equipment and shotguns no larger than 10 gauge or smaller than .410 with pelleted ammunition no larger than shot size T. Repeating shotguns will be plugged to hold a maximum of three cartridges. Steel shotshells are the only ammunition permitted in possession while hunting waterfowl. Rifles, handguns and solid projectiles are prohibited while small game hunting at Fort Knox.

6-5. HUNTER CONTROL.

a. Due to the daily use of the reservation for training, a strictly controlled and rigidly enforced system of access to the reservation, other than the cantonment areas, will be maintained.

b. Fort Knox Hunting and Fishing Map, is used to control hunting and fishing activities. All sportsmen are required to familiarize themselves with this map and its proper use, the data contained and explained thereon, and retain it in their possession while hunting.

c. There are numerous hunting areas that have additional restrictions not depicted on the Fort Knox map. It is the hunters responsibility to check the colored map located at the Hunt Control Office for special area restrictions. This map depicts all special area restrictions (closed portions in red) and a written description. Hunters found out of their assigned hunting area may be permanently suspended.

6-6. AREA ASSIGNMENT AND CLEARANCE.

a. A Recreational Area Assignment (ATZK-OS Form 2973) must be picked up in person at the Hunt Control Office before entering into any hunting area and must be cleared upon departure by the clearance time stated. Sign-in and sign-out procedures are mandatory for all hunters. Failure to obtain clearance to enter any area or report departure from the area is cause for suspension of all Fort Knox hunting and fishing privileges.

b. Area assignments may be made up to 48 hours in advance. Hunters may sign themselves and four other hunters into hunting areas. The sponsors registering the hunters must have all hunters' state licenses, post permits and Hunter Education Cards in their possession. Hunters will be responsible for their own clearance. Each hunter operating a vehicle will be given an area assignment for display inside the front windshield, indicating that the individual has registered to hunt. Fifty percent of hunter spaces in each area will be reserved for military hunters until 1300 the day before the hunt. The Hunt Control Office will make the final determination as to the number of hunters permitted in each area.

c. The area assignment will show the individual's name, permit number, and local telephone number. Hunters' may sign into only one area at a time. Hunters' names found on more than one area assignment will have their hunting and fishing privileges suspended for up to 1 year.

d. All hunters must clear their areas in person or by calling the Hunt Control Office before the clearance time shown on their Form 2973 each day. Individuals must give their name and the area hunted. Clearance may also be accomplished in person by returning their copy of ATZK-OS Form 2973 to Hunt Control Personnel and verbally assure that you are cleared by the clearance time. **Late clearance from the hunting areas is grounds for suspension of hunting privileges.**

e. There will be no small game hunting or fishing at Fort Knox during the Gun Deer Hunt.

f. Hunters assigned to Areas 16, 18, and 19 must remain at least 100 yards from the fence surrounding the Ammunition Storage Facility.

6-7. OTHER RULES REGARDING SMALL GAME HUNTING.

a. Duck hunting on Lower Douglas Lake is permitted except during the September Wood Duck and Teal season. Duck hunting on Lower Douglas will be restricted to three groups of hunters, with no more than four hunters per group.

b. The use of mules, donkeys or horses while hunting is prohibited.

c. The use of ATVs is prohibited, except for handicapped hunters as outlined in para 1-14.

d. The only authorized dog training area is TA-11.

e. The use of dogs to hunt quail, rabbits, grouse, squirrels, raccoons, opossum, and migratory birds is authorized however, the use of dogs to run deer is prohibited. If deer are jumped by dogs, owners will take every means possible to lead the dog off the trail of the deer.

f. If a dog is lost while hunting, it will be reported to the Provost Marshal, phone 4-6203, and Hunt Control, phone 4-7311. Hunters will make every attempt to locate such animals prior to leaving the field and, if unsuccessful, leave some article of personal clothing, such as a hat or jacket, at the location where the dog was last seen. Further attempts will be made to locate the lost dog or dogs the following day if possible.

6-8. COYOTE HUNTING.

a. During deer and turkey seasons, and in areas released for these types of hunting, only hunters permitted for these activities may harvest coyotes. During the remainder of the year a state hunting license and Fort Knox small game hunting permit is required to hunt coyotes.

b. Area assignment procedures and legal hunting equipment are the same as outlined for small game hunting.

- c. Electronic calls are authorized for coyote hunting during daylight hours.

6-9. RACCOON HUNTING DURING CHRISTMAS EXODUS.

a. Raccoon hunting will be allowed during the Christmas Exodus period. During this time the Range Control Switchboard Operator will not be on duty and the range telephone system will not be operational during the hours that raccoon hunters are afield. Due to this fact there will be special procedures to be followed for this portion of the raccoon hunting season.

b. On days when Fish and Wildlife personnel are on duty all raccoon hunters will be cleared from their assigned hunting area by 0700. On days when Fish and Wildlife personnel are not on duty all raccoon hunters will be cleared from their assigned area by 0900 by Hunt Control Personnel. The only areas that will be released for raccoon hunting on these nights will be areas that are also released for recreational use on the following day. This will avoid conflicts of raccoon hunting with training activities when raccoon hunters are not positively cleared from their area until 0900 and training begins at 0700.

c. Hunters will be notified by the Hunt Control Office that the range telephone will not be operational during this period. Hunters will also be instructed that in case of emergency they should go to Fire Station No. 2 at the corner of Wilson Road and Eisenhower Avenue, phone 4-0911/6016, to initiate Emergency Medical response between the hours of 1800 through 0900.

6-10. USE OF TRAPS, SNARES, PITFALLS, ETC. The use of any type of trap, snare, pitfall, deadfall, hook, or any other device not identified under legal hunting equipment, para 6-4 is prohibited.

6-11. ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF WILDLIFE. Persons making use of or having in their possession any wildlife or parts thereof which have been killed or taken in any manner contrary to wildlife laws, rules, regulations, or appropriate annually published hunting guidelines shall be equally guilty of the offense and may be punished in like manner as the person killing or taking such wildlife.

CHAPTER 7

SPRING TURKEY HUNTING

7-1. SEASON AND BAG LIMIT.

- a. The Spring Turkey Season dates and bag limits will be indicated on the Spring Turkey Hunting Guidelines which will be available at the Hunt Control Office after 15 March.
- b. Hunting hours are from one half hour before sunrise until 1300.

7-2. LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS.

- a. Any person hunting turkey must have in their possession a valid Kentucky Hunting License and Turkey Permit, Fort Knox Spring Turkey Hunting Permit, Hunter Education Card, and Fort Knox Hunting and Fishing Map. A compass is highly recommended.
- b. All nonresidents hunting turkeys in Kentucky must purchase a Kentucky Annual Nonresident Hunting License and Turkey Permit in addition to a Fort Knox Spring Turkey Hunting Permit.

7-3. AREA ASSIGNMENT.

- a. A random draw will be held every Friday for Saturday and Sunday hunting. The drawings will be held at 0800 for Fort Knox active duty military, 0900 for other military category (retirees, Fort Knox civilians, Reserves, etc.), and 1300 for nonmilitary. One hunter from each party must be present at the appropriate time. A drawing to fill in behind killouts will be held at 1300 Saturday for Sunday hunting. Drawings for weekday hunting will be held the day prior at 1300 for Fort Knox active duty military, 1330 for other military, and 1400 for nonmilitary.
- b. Hunters registering may sign up themselves and a maximum of three other individuals in the same party. However, each individual's Kentucky Hunting License, Kentucky Turkey Permit, Hunter Education Card, and Fort Knox Turkey Permit must be presented at the time of sign-up. All hunters in a party must be in the same category, or wait until the latest sign up time.
- c. One ticket for each hunting party will be given for a random drawing. Write your names on the back of the ticket. These tickets may be picked up at the Hunt Control Office before your drawing time that day. When a hunter's number is drawn they must be present and show the ticket at the counter to sign into a hunting area.

d. There will be no overnight waiting in the parking lot. Arriving earlier than the times stated above for each category of hunters will not give you a better chance at a hunting area. It is the hunters responsibility to get a ticket before the drawing.

e. The area assignment will show individuals name, permit number, and local phone number. Hunters may sign into only one area at a time. Hunters' names found on more than one area assignment will have their hunting and fishing privileges suspended for up to 1 year.

7-4. AREA CLEARANCE. Each hunter must clear out of his assigned hunting area by the time indicated on the ATZK-OS Form 2973 each day. Areas must be cleared by coming to the Hunt Control Office in Bldg. No. 112 in person and returning their copy of ATZK-OS Form 2973 to Hunt Control personnel and verbally assure that you are cleared. Failure to clear assigned hunting area will result in suspension of hunting privileges at Fort Knox.

7-5. LEGAL HUNTING EQUIPMENT.

a. Shotguns 10, 12, 16, and 20 gauge with #4 shot shell or smaller. Repeating shotguns will be plugged to hold a maximum of three cartridges. Smooth bore muzzleloading shotguns 10 and 12 gauge may be used with #4 shot or smaller.

b. Longbows, recurves, and compound bows that do not have a device that holds an arrow at full or partial draw without aid from the archer. Broadheads at least 7/8 inch wide and razor sharp. Arrows will not be fitted with barbed broadheads. Chemically treated arrows or broadheads, or attachments containing chemicals may not be used or possessed on Fort Knox. Crossbows are prohibited.

7-6. PROHIBITED HUNTING METHODS. No person shall take a turkey:

a. On any baited area or by the aid of baiting. The placement of materials on Fort Knox for the purpose of baiting turkeys, or that may incidentally attract turkeys is prohibited.

b. With the aid of dogs;

c. From any type of vehicle or boat;

d. When the turkey is roosting;

e. With the aid of recorded or other electronic calls; or

f. By using live turkeys as decoys;

g. Calling or attempting to call wild turkeys by mimicking the calls made by a wild turkey is permitted only during legal hunting hours of the Fort Knox turkey season. Locator calls such as crow or owl calls are permitted

7-7. TAGGING AND CHECKING REQUIREMENTS.

a. Immediately after harvesting a turkey hunters must write the month and day and sign the tag. The tag must be attached to the turkey when transporting it by vehicle or when not in the hunters presence.

b. All turkeys taken must be checked in at the Hunt Control Office located in Bldg. No. 112 by 1400 on the day the turkey is harvested.

7-8. ADDITIONAL RULES REGARDING TURKEY HUNTING.

a. Firearms will not be loaded within 100 yards of a road, building or structure.

b. Turkeys may be taken by the use of hand or mouth operated calls. The use of decoys is permitted.

c. All hunters will be restricted to their assigned hunting area. Hunters found out of their assigned area will be suspended.

d. All rivers will be off limits to turkey hunters.

e. Civilian vehicles will not be authorized on unimproved roads or trails in the hunting areas. Violators will be cited.

f. Be courteous of other hunters!! Don't cut off a person who is working a bird. This is uncourteous and very unsafe.

g. A junior hunter (under 18 years of age) and their sponsor will be considered as one hunter. A junior hunter may return with sponsor hunter after harvesting a turkey but may not carry a weapon.

CHAPTER 8 FISHING

8-1. DEFINITION OF FISHING. Fishing means to take, or attempt to take, fish, turtles, and frogs in any manner, whether or not the persons fishing have any of the above in their possession.

8-2. LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS.

a. All anglers 16 years of age and over must possess a Kentucky Fishing License and a Fort Knox Fishing Permit.

b. Trout fishing requires a Kentucky Trout Permit in addition to fishing license and permit.

c. Senior citizens 65 years or older must have a Kentucky Senior/Disabled Combination Hunting and Fishing License and Fort Knox Fishing Permit.

8-3. SIZE AND CREEL LIMITS.

a. The following creel limits are in effect for the following managed lakes: Carlson, Dickerson, Crystal, Sanders Spring, Upper Douglas and Lower Douglas and Wilcox.

<u>Species</u>	<u>Size Limit</u>	<u>Creel Limit/Day</u>
Black bass	15"	5
Bluegill, redear sunfish	None	20
Rock bass	None	15
Crappie	None	30
Channel Catfish	None	5
Hybrid striped and striped bass	15"	5

b. Carp caught from managed waters must be immediately returned to the water.

c. The size limit for black bass on Duck Lake is 15 inches. Commonwealth of Kentucky size and creel limits apply otherwise.

d. The creel limit for trout on Otter Creek is six fish daily.

e. Commonwealth of Kentucky size and creel limits apply on all other waters of Fort Knox.

f. Fish will be measured from the tip of the closed mouth to the tip of the lower tail with the lobes of the tail squeezed together. All under size fish must be immediately returned to the waters from which caught.

8-4. ACCESS TO THE INSTALLATION FOR FISHING.

- a. Carlson, Crystal, Dickerson, Ordance, Sanders Spring, Lower Douglas, and Upper Douglas lakes are open daily with no clearance through Hunt Control required.
- b. The portion of Otter Creek 300 yards upstream of the pump station to 200 yards downstream of Camp Carlson is open during daylight hours for fishing.
- c. Daily clearance must be obtained through the Hunt Control Office for the following lakes; West Point Wells, Tobacco Leaf, Wilcox, Wilcox Three, Duck, Pearl Pond, Marcum, Cundiff, Zazios, Hudic, Woods, and Lebanon Junction.
- d. All other rivers, creeks and streams, or portions of, and Carpenter lake require daily sign in/out through the Hunt Control Office. This requires that anglers obtain a Recreational Area Assignment Sheet (Form 2973) for the hunting area in which the desired body of water is located. The hunting area must be cleared each day.
- e. McCracken Spring and Reservoir from its origination to the confluence with Otter Creek are strictly off-limits to fishing.

8-5. BOATS AND MOTORS.

- a. Boats, to include canoes, with outboard motors or electric trolling motors may be used on all lakes.
- b. Outboard motors must be kept at idle speed on managed lakes. Idle speed is termed as the slowest forward position of the throttle to maintain maneuverability of a boat.
- c. All vessels with mechanical power must be registered in Kentucky. Boats are registered at the County Court Clerk's Office.
- d. The maximum number of boats permitted on any lake may be restricted in order to preclude congestion. Any lakes so restricted will be posted as to the maximum number permitted.
- e. Boats used on waters on the installation will be equipped with at least one life preserver for each person aboard. Children and nonswimmers aboard will wear preservers at all times.
- f. Operating a boat in a reckless or negligent manner, which may endanger the life, limb, or property of any person, is prohibited.

8-6. BAIT AND EQUIPMENT RESTRICTIONS.

a. The use of live minnows or fish for bait is prohibited on managed lakes. These lakes are Carlson, Dickerson, Crystal, Sanders Spring, Lower Douglas, Upper Douglas and Wilcox.

b. The use of game fish, as listed in the Kentucky Fishing Guide, for bait is prohibited.

c. Fish may not be taken at any time by any method other than hook and line attached to a rod or pole in managed lakes on the reservation. No persons fishing may have over two rods or poles in use at any one time except for river and creek fishing.

d. Trotlines and throw lines may be used only in unmanaged lakes. Only two trotlines may be used or fished at any one time. Each will contain no more than 50 single or multibarbed hooks, which should be placed no closer than 18 inches apart. Each trotline must be tagged at both ends with Fort Knox Fishing Permit Number. It will be attended to at least once every 24 hours and all fish will be removed. Every trotline must be removed from the water when fishing is terminated. JUGLINES ARE PROHIBITED.

e. Fishing with bow and appropriate fishing arrows is permitted on all unmanaged lakes and streams of Fort Knox for rough fish only. Arrowheads will be of the legally recognized fishing type. The fishing arrows will be connected to the bow by means of a line.

f. Seining for any species of fish, reptiles, amphibians, and other aquatic invertebrates is prohibited on the Fort Knox Military Reservation.

8-7. FROG AND FISH GIGGING.

a. The season for taking frogs is from noon on the third Friday in May through 31 October unless otherwise posted. Creel limit is 15 for a 24-hour period, noon until noon. It is unlawful to possess a gig on a stream or lake or in a boat from 1 November through 31 January.

b. The season for gigging rough fish is 1 February through 10 May. Gigging for rough fish is prohibited on managed lakes.

8-8. PROHIBITED ACTS.

a. Leaving a pole or poles unattended or in the custody of a person not properly licensed and/or not having a valid Fort Knox Hunting and Fishing Permit.

b. Seining for any fish or aquatic invertebrate.

c. The use of explosives or firearms to kill fish.

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- d. To sell, barter, trade, or utilize in commercial establishment any fish caught on Fort Knox.
- e. All lakes, rivers, and streams are off limits for swimming, wading or bathing.
- f. No parking on dams or grass areas.

APPENDIX A

A-1. ADMINISTRATIVE SUSPENSION AND APPEAL OF FORT KNOX HUNTING AND FISHING PRIVILEGES

a. Citations (US District Court Violation Notice - DD Form 1805) issued by Military Police Game Wardens to civilians violating fish/wildlife laws and statutes, and Armed Forces Uniform Traffic Tickets (DD Form 1408) issued to active duty violators are cause for immediate removal of the offender from the hunting area.

b. Removal of a violator from the hunting area during the annual deer hunt for an administrative violation will be recommended by a guide, military police game warden, volunteer game warden, and/or a member of G3/DPTM Range Division and a decision made on the recommendation by the Hunt Control Officer. Recommendation and action will be in writing, and the individual making the recommendation will provide the written report to Hunt Control for administrative action at the close of each hunting day.

c. Suspension of hunting and fishing privileges is an administrative action which does not replace or preclude prosecution by military or Federal authorities, as appropriate.

d. Suspension will be recommended to Hunt Control in conjunction with any citation of DD Form 1805 or DD Form 1408 (Armed Forces Traffic Ticket) by game wardens.

e. Suspension will be administratively determined by the Chief, Environmental Management Division based on a recommendation in writing through Hunt Control, by any game warden, and during the annual deer hunt, by hunting area guides.

f. The Hunt Control Officer will provide all recommendations for suspensions to the Chief, Environmental Management Division (EMD), for review and, upon approval, notify the subject in writing of the suspension and appeal/reinstatement procedures. A copy of this suspension will be maintained in the Hunt Control Office.

g. The Range Manager, G3/DPTM Range Division, may also initiate action to suspend recreational privileges within the training complex. This action will be staffed to the Chief, Environmental Management Division for coordination.

A-2. APPEAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE SUSPENSION OF PRIVILEGES.

a. An appeal of administrative suspension of privileges may be made in writing to the Hunt Control Office, US Army Armor Center, ATTN: ATZK-OSE-N, Fort Knox, KY 40121-5000.

b. The Chief, EMD, will make recommendations to the DBOS who will make a determination and inform the individual making the appeal of the decision.

A-3. VIOLATIONS SUBJECT TO ADMINISTRATIVE SUSPENSION. Violations subject to administrative suspension of hunting and fishing privileges are listed below. In addition to those listed, any violation of Kentucky or federal game laws may also result in suspensions of privileges. The periods listed are guidelines only and do not restrict the discretion of the Hunt Control Officer, Chief, EMD, or Director of Base Operations Support in fashioning an appropriate administrative remedy for violations. Any listed violation may result in the permanent suspension of post privileges.

<u>VIOLATION</u>	<u>NORMAL PERIOD OF ADMINISTRATIVE SUSPENSION OF PRIVILEGES</u>
Falsifying information on application	Permanent
Removal of "duds"	Permanent
No State Hunting or Fishing License, tags, stamps, or Fort Knox Permits	1 year
Failure to obtain Recreation Area Assignment Sheet (hunting without Area Assignment Sheet)	1 year
Failure to clear out of assigned hunting area by the time indicated on the area assignment sheet	1 year
Hunter found on more than one hunting area assignment at the same time	1 year
Use of altered or changed State or Fort Knox Documents or use of another persons documents (hunting license, permit, hunting area assignment, etc.)	Permanent
Making false statement in obtaining a permit or hunting area assignment	Permanent
Hunting or fishing in an unauthorized, restricted or closed area/managed waters	1 year

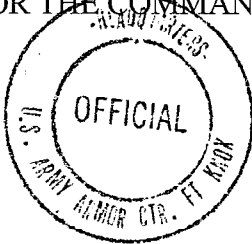
<u>VIOLATION</u>	<u>NORMAL PERIOD OF ADMINISTRATIVE SUSPENSION OF PRIVILEGES</u>
Failure to maintain boat at idle speed on managed lakes	1 year
Fishing in the trout nursery	Permanent
Fishing with more poles than allowed	6 months
Aiding and abetting a violator	Same as violator
Failure to check in big game	1 year
Illegal night hunting	Permanent
Hunting wildlife out of season	2 years
Trespassing	1 year
Failure to tag deer/turkey	1 year
Failure to bring deer to the deer check station on the day of harvest, unless the checkpoint has been notified that the deer could not be found before the normal stop hunting time	1 year
Illegal (unlawful) possession of game or fish	3 years
Illegal use of traps, snares, pitfalls, and similar devices	Permanent
Killing of birds and animals from an aircraft, motor vehicle, or a boat under mechanical power	Permanent
Use or possession of baits, illegal weapons, ammunition, explosives, poisons, etc.	1 year

<u>VIOLATION</u>	<u>NORMAL PERIOD OF ADMINISTRATIVE SUSPENSION OF PRIVILEGES</u>
Transporting a loaded weapon in or upon a vehicle or loading a gun before entering hunting area	1 year
Exceeding game bag or creel limits	3 years
Use or possession of alcoholic beverages to include malt beverages in hunting area, or hunting under the influence of alcohol	Permanent
Discharging of firearm in a restricted, off-limits, or firearms safety zone	3 years
Illegal taking of the wrong sex of an animal	3 years
Discharging of firearm from a vehicle or from or across a roadway	3 years
Failure to wear required clothing (fluorescent orange)	1 year
Resisting or interfering with apprehension (arrest)	Permanent
Failure to surrender permits while suspended	1 year
Littering	Permanent
Destroying or defacing government property such as signs, buildings, power/telephone poles, lines and insulators, and range training support equipment	Permanent
Mired or immobilized vehicle in a training or impact area	6 months
More than one ticket per hunting party for random drawing during spring turkey sign-up	1 year

NOTES:

1. For the second or subsequent similar offense/violation, the suspension period will be doubled.
2. The suspension of hunting and/or fishing privileges is an administrative action that may be imposed in addition to any judicial or punitive action.
3. Any administrative suspension of 6 months or longer for a violation during the annual deer hunt includes the loss of deer hunting privileges for the following year's annual deer hunt.
4. Suspensions of a year will be effective through the end of the next hunting season in which the violation occurred.

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